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- ☒ Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts -- Filing Date Granted
- ☒ Declaration for Patent Application
- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ Statement(s) of small entity status
- ☒ Petition for an Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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Formal Figures

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Basic Fee		\$355.00 \$710.00	= \$
Total Claims <u>    </u> ** - 20	= <u>    </u> * X	\$ 9.00 \$ 18.00	= \$0.00
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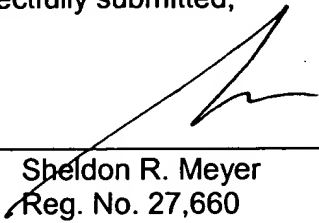
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Respectfully submitted,

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